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SUPPLEMENT

1. Approximately 1,000 demobilized Russian soldiers are employed as civilian workers in former textile factories in Gera (K06) which have been converted to the production of spare parts for aircraft engines.
2. Five hundred demobilized soldiers are employed at the rolling mills of the former Hirsch Kupfer- und Messingwerke A.G., Zerpenschleuse (288). These soldiers belong to the classes 1917 - 1923; they are being paid the wages of German workers.
3. A bread plant in Purg (Y81) is receiving demobilized soldiers of the classes 1905 - 1910.
4. German wage scales for skilled workers are being paid to former Russian soldiers used as unskilled workers at the Busch A.G. optical plant in Rathenow (Z15).
5. Another group of former soldiers "of considerable number" is being sent to work in a former German ammunition plant and ballistics test station at Uchtspringe (Y64), where a number of Russian ballistics experts is also employed.

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6. Soviet EM of Red Army unit at Sorau (B16) stated that returnees to the U.S.S.R. include all EM over 30 years. Industrial technicians, electricians and men in similar fields, state-farm (not collective farm) workers, and teachers are to be demobilized later.
7. Most of the troops newly arrived in the new Polish territory (area not specified) are about 18 years old; some of them are apparently of the class of 1929. EM stated that the class of 1929 was required to register by the end of November 1946, although in some areas, such as the Ukraine, registration had been required by April 1946. Only those who did not wish to continue beyond ten years of schooling or

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those who had no trade were drafted. The bulk of draftees were farmers.

8. It is claimed that the bulk of the new arrivals (referring to para.7) are Stalin Pupil "volunteers".

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